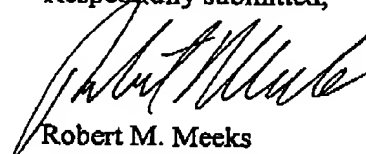


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REMARKS

The present Amendment corrects the typographical errors noted in the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005, and thus overcomes the objections to Claims 2, 15, 25, 37, and 41. Applicants request entry of this amendment, as it raises no new issues and places the application in better form for consideration upon appeal. Applicants note that this Amendment is filed concurrent with a Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review. Applicants submit that the concurrent filing of this Amendment conforms with the guidelines for the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot program outlined in the OG of July 12, 2005, as this filing does not occur "after" the filing of the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review. Applicants therefore request entry of this Amendment before the Pre-Appeal Brief Review Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

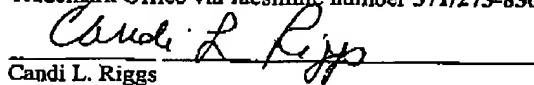


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